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For: TOTAL ORDER COMPARATOR ) **Mail Stop AF**  
UNIT FOR COMPARING VALUES )  
OF TWO FLOATING POINT )  
OPERANDS )

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